

February 21, 2021
1st Sunday of Lent

PRELUDES

Melody
Our Father in Heaven

Herbert Leslie Wright
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (based on Romans 10)

L: The word of the Lord is near to us.

P: It is on our lips and in our hearts.

L: The Lord is generous to all who call on him.

P: Call on the Lord and you will be saved.

WELCOMING SONG #459 *O Word of God Incarnate*
(verse one)

Munich

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

(verse two)

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 103:8)

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you and your creation. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us your holy way and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Isaiah 55:3))

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

Change My Heart

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and merciful God, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed so that – in the shelter of your love – we may find the courage to face the parched places of our lives and drink from your spring of living water. AMEN.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 15

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? ²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; ³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Savior and My God

Althouse

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 10:25-42

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

SERMON

“The Wounded Healer”

Rev. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee

Henry J. Markworth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING SONG #710

We Lift our Voices

Offering

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ricercare

Pierluigi da Palestrina